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Overbridge at the railway level-crossing

* 60 *Q.*—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state with reference to the answer to the Legislative Council Question No. 530, dated 31st January 1956—

(*a*) the further action taken to construct an overbridge at the railway level crossing near Tambaram on the G.S.T. Road;

(*b*) whether plans and estimates have been sanctioned for the five other road-rail crossings of National Highways referred to in the answer in the above Legislative Council Question; and

(*c*) if so, the budget provision made for the works referred to above and when the schemes are likely to be completed?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The Engineer Liaison Officer (Government of India) is finalising the design for the curves of the approaches after which the proposals will be forwarded to Government of India for approval.

(*b*) No, Sir.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : In the answer to question No. 530, the Hon. Minister stated that the construction of five overbridges was under the consideration of the Government. What are the places in which the bridges are to be constructed?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice of a separate question.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : In the construction of overbridges, what is the share of the Central Government as regards cost?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Again, I would like to have notice to furnish the information about sharing of cost.

Display of price list

* 61 *Q.*—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instructions have been issued by the Government of India to take steps to enforce the display of price list by every shop-keeper; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

The Madras Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act, 1959

* 62 *Q.*—Vidwan T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the number of persons prosecuted under the Madras Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act, 1959 from 1st January 1960 to 30th June 1960 and the number of persons punished?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : One hundred and nine and one hundred and five respectively.

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VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : *இந்தத் தண்டனை விஷயத்தில் மேலும் தீவிரமாக நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க அரசாங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ?*

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : *மேலும் தீவிரமாக்க வேண்டிய அவசியமில்லை. இப்பொழுது நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டு வருகிறது. இம்மாதிரி சட்டப்படி நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்வதில் பலனும் ஏற்பட்டுக்கொண்டு வருகிறது.*

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : There was a proposal before the persons in charge of the Botanical Gardens to alienate a plot of land for some other purpose. May I know whether the Government have taken any action to prevent such alienation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Association concerned has not proceeded with the proposal. It has, in fact, not been permitted to do so. The matter is under examination.

Tholurpatti Leprosorium Doctor murder case

* 63 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the judgment in the Tholurpatti Leprosorium Doctor murder case; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) No action is proposed to be taken.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : May I know why the Government do not propose to take any action against the offenders?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : In the case of three persons, i.e., accused 1 to 3 the case ended in conviction. The other accused were acquitted. Our legal authorities on an examination of the judgment came to the conclusion that no appeal need be filed.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that the said doctor had invited the attention of his superiors on a number of occasions to the unruly behaviour of the inmates of this institution? If so, what action was taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I have no information about the matter referred to by the hon. Member. But on the day of the occurrence of this crime, there was unruly behaviour on the part of the inmates and this incident took place.